

**REMARKS**

The courteous telephone interview granted by examiner Wyrozowski to applicants' undersigned attorney on September 1, 2004 in related applications, is hereby acknowledged with appreciation. During the telephone interview the four prior art references cited in the latest Information Disclosure Statement (derived from a recently received, related PCT application search report) were discussed in detail. As discussed, U.S. 3,951,887 does not disclose an ester in combination with an adhesive resin; U.S. 4,588,761 is directed to the production of artificial leather; and French 2 417 522 discloses an ester, but not in combination with an adhesive resin (PCT WO 03/095550 A1 is applicants' publication which is not prior art).

EP 0 073 174 A1 ('174) was discussed in detail, particularly the esters disclosed at page 2, lines 27-35. These esters include diallyl, triallyl, and trimethylol esters. Since the diallyl esters, such as diallyl sebacate include C<sub>3</sub> moieties, affecting applicants' formula (II) only, claims 1, 2, **42 and 46** have been amended to define R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, of formula (II), to be C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>, as originally disclosed in claim 24 and elsewhere throughout the specification. There is no disclosure or suggestion in the EP '174 patent to increase the length of the esters to the C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> length now claimed herein.

It is submitted that all claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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